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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

COOK COUNTY, IL

2018L013858

LUCYNA E. SOPALA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
v.) N	lo:
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MENARD, INC.,)	
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Defendants.)	

COMPLAINT AT LAW

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, by and through her attorneys, SHERWOOD LAW GROUP, LLC, and in her complaint at law against the Defendants, MENARD, INC. hereby states as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- That on or about January 15, 2017, Plaintiff LUCYNA E. SOPALA was a resident of City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois.
- That on or about January 15, 2017, Defendant MENARD, INC., was an Illinois corporation with its registered agent located 801 Adlai Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703.
- 3. That on or about January 15, 2017 and for a long time prior thereto, the Defendant, MENARD, INC., owned, operated, maintained, possessed and controlled the property, including the curb and sidewalk located therein, at 3215 W. North Avenue, City of Melrose Park, County of Cook and State of Illinois("Property") and was doing business there as a Menard's.
- 4. That on or about January 15, 2017, the Defendant, MENARD, INC., operated, maintained, managed, and controlled the construction, maintenance, repair and cleaning of the aisles, shelves, and area around the cleaning supplies located on the second floor of the Property

hereinafter referred to as "Cleaning Supply Aisle".

- That on or about January 15, 2017, the Defendant, MENARD, INC., failed to
 warn the Plaintiff of the dangerous and hazardous condition of the slippery substances and
 cleaning scent balls/pellets from the Cleaning Supply Aisle on the Property.
- That on or about January 15, 2017, the Defendant, MENARD, INC. did not properly repair and maintain the Cleaning Supply Aisle on the Property.
- That on or about January 15, 2017, the Defendant, MENARD, INC. did not properly clean and remove cleaning scent balls/pellets on the Property.
- 8. That on or about January 15, 2017, the Defendant, MENARD, INC., failed to properly inspect the Cleaning Supply Aisle on the Property on the Property to determine whether it was proper for safe usage by invitees, employees, patrons, and the public.
- That on and prior to January 15, 2017 MENARD, INC. had notice and knowledge
 of the Cleaning Supply Aisle on the Property being dangerous and hazardous and susceptible to
 slip, trip and falls.
- 10. That on or about said date, the Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, was lawfully upon the Property as a customer and invitee of Menard's walking within the Property within or near the Cleaning Supply Aisle.
- That at all times material herein, the Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, was in the exercise of ordinary care and caution for her own safety.

COUNT ONE (1) NEGLIGENCE AGAINST MENARD, INC.

- 12. Plaintiff re-asserts and re-alleges Paragraphs one (1) through eleven (11) of Plaintiffs' General Allegations as paragraph twelve (12) of Count I herein.
- That it then and there became and was the duty of the Defendant, MENARD,
 INC., to exercise reasonable care to maintain, manage, repair, design, stack, place, and construct

the Cleaning Supply Aisle, shelves, and area around the cleaning supplies in a reasonably safe condition for the safety of the general public, customers, its employees, invitees, the Plaintiff, and those persons lawfully upon and around said Property.

- 14. That not regarding its duty aforesaid, the Defendant, MENARD, INC., by its duly authorized agents, servants and/or employees, was guilty of one or more of the following careless and negligent acts and/or omissions:
 - a) Carclessly and negligently failed to inspect the Property and Cleaning Supply Aisle and maintain it in a safe condition;
 - b) Carelessly and negligently failed to warn pedestrians, including the Plaintiff, that the Property and Cleaning Supply Aisle was unsafe and hazardous by reason of a slippery surface which created a hazard;
 - Carelessly and negligently failed to repair the unsafe and hazardous condition located on the Property and Cleaning Supply Aisle for an unreasonably long period of time;
 - d) Carelessly and negligently failed to properly maintain the Cleaning Supply Aisle within said Property;
 - e) Carelessly and negligently undertook or failed to undertake a maintenance or construction project or cleaning project to repair the Cleaning Supply Aisle within the Property which created a dangerous and hazardous condition to pedestrians, invitees and employees;
 - f) Carelessly and negligently supervised its employees and subcontractors from creating a dangerous and hazardous condition to pedestrians, invites and employees including the Plaintiff;
 - Carelessly and negligently failed to remove or sweep up cleaning scent balls/pellets in the Cleaning Supply Aisle and the Property;
 - Carelessly and negligently failed to stack and seal boxes of cleaning scent balls/pellets which created a dangerous and unsafe condition on the Property;
 - Carelessly and negligently supervised, trained, or contracted with a third party to repair, maintain, service, and inspect the Cleaning Supply Aisle and the Property;
 - Carelessly and negligently placed open boxes of cleaning scent balls/pellets in the Cleaning Supply Aisle which created which created a dangerous and hazardous condition;
 - Failed to secure packaging on a display shelf which created a dangerous and hazardous condition;
 - m. Carelessly and negligently allowed a pedestrian walkway to remain in disrepair for an unreasonably long period of time; and
 - n. Was otherwise careless and negligent in the control, repair, maintenance, construction, cleaning, sweeping and service of the Property.

15. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the aforesaid careless and negligent acts or omissions of the Defendant, MENARD, INC., the Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, was caused to and did trip and fall to the ground.

16. That as a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid, the Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, suffered diverse injuries, both internally and externally, of a permanent and lasting nature, which have caused and will continue to cause pain in body and mind; and the Plaintiff, was caused to expend and in the future will be compelled to expend, large sums of money for medical care in endeavoring to be cured of said injuries; and the Plaintiff was caused to and did lose much time from her employment, thereby incurring losses of large sums of money; and the Plaintiff has been and in the future will be prevented from attending to her usual affairs and duties.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LUCYNA E. SOPALA, by and through her attorneys,

SHERWOOD LAW GROUP, LLC, hereby prays for judgment against Defendant, MENARD,

INC., for a sum of money in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS [\$50,000.00], and such
additional amounts as the jury and the Court shall deem proper and appropriate under the

circumstances provided herein, inclusive of the costs of bringing this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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